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Jury Quizzing Is Under Way In Bomb Trial

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Defense and state attorneys today began questioning prospective jurors for the trial of I. L. Harper, an alleged Ku Klux Klansman accused of a bombing.

Harper, 24, is charged along with two other Jackson men with unlawful use of explosives in the bombing of the Blackwell Real Estate Co. office March 7, 1967. Eleven jurors were chosen to try him two weeks ago, but a mistrial was ordered when one juror decided he could not reach an objective decision if evidence were presented in a specific way.

Dist. Atty. Jack A. Travis Jr. and defense attorneys John Poole and Weaver Gore Jr. probed for prejudicial feelings and background information. Thirteen prospects had been dismissed by the lunch recess.

One was relieved when he declared, "I can serve as long as the jury is not integrated."

Circuit Court Judge Russell D. Moore III heard arguments on one defense objection in his chambers. The defense objected when Travis asked the first prospect, "Do you belong to or do you have sympathy with organizations that result in violence such as bombings?"

The nature of the discussion in Moore's office was not made

public, but Travis did not ask the question again.

Charged with Harper are Burris L. Dunn Jr., 38, and Joe Daniel Hawkins, 24.